

ABSTRACT

Title: Method and Apparatus for Passing Data Securely Between Parties

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A method of passing data securely from an originator to a recipient comprises the steps of:

the originator selecting a condition that the recipient must meet for receipt of the data;

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the originator selecting a trusted party;

the originator selecting a first key without reference to the condition;

the originator encrypting the data using the first key;

the originator making the condition, and the encrypted data available to the recipient;

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the recipient providing the trusted party with evidence that it meets the condition;

the trusted party satisfying itself that the recipient does meet the condition and providing the first key to the recipient, and

the recipient decrypting the data using the first key.

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